

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at Gallup City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor:	Jackie McKinney
Councilors:	Linda Garcia Allan Landavazo Yogash Kumar
Absent:	Fran Palochak, Councilor
Also present:	Maryann Ustick, City Manager George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

Kenneth Riege of the Comfort Suites presented coins to the Mayor and Councilors and expressed his appreciation for their support in having Gallup named as the Most Patriotic Small Town in America and designated as a Purple Heart City.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Appointment of Glen Benefield to the Gallup-McKinley County Animal Control Authority Board – Mayor Jackie McKinney

Mayor McKinney recommended the appointment of Mr. Benefield to fill the vacancy on the Board, created by the resignation of Joyce Lebeck.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the appointment of Glen Benefield to the Gallup-McKinley County Animal Control Authority Board. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

2. Budget Adjustment for Gallup Detox Center Facility – Jon DeYoung, Assistant to the City Manager

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Mr. DeYoung presented the request for a budget adjustment in the amount of \$45,600 to cover the cost of utilities and building maintenance at the Gallup Detox Center.

Discussion followed concerning the cost of utilities for the fiscal year at the detox center.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Gallup Detox Center Facility. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

3. Budget Adjustment for Youth Conservation Corps – Jon DeYoung, Assistant to the City Manager

Mr. DeYoung presented the request for a budget adjustment in the amount of \$149,875.59 for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The City was initially notified by the State that it would not receive any funding for YCC this fiscal year; therefore, the City did not establish a budget for YCC. After the City approved its budget, the State advised that it would provide the City with YCC funding after another community turned down the funds. Since the City does not have the matching funds in its current budget, the County was able to provide matching funds for the program in the amount of \$50,000.

Discussion followed concerning the work to be conducted during this year's YCC program. Ms. Ustick said she will provide a copy of the YCC work plan to the Mayor and Councilors.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Youth Conservation Corps. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

4. Approval of Budget Adjustment and Purchase of an Aerial Platform Fire Truck – Eric Babcock, Fire Chief

Chief Babcock presented the request for budget adjustment and authorization to purchase a 100-foot aerial platform fire truck in the amount of \$998,000.

Discussion followed concerning the process for selecting the fire truck, the features of the fire truck itself, the grant funding that was obtained towards the purchase of the fire truck and the City's Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the budget adjustment and the purchase of an aerial platform fire truck. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Kumar, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

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5. Budget Adjustment for Municipal Court – Grant Foutz, Municipal Judge

Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer, said the fund that is used to submit fines and fees to the State was not included in this fiscal year's budget. The fund is normally budgeted during the regular process; however, the fund was inadvertently left out this year. She requested a budget adjustment in the amount of \$75,000 which will be subsidized by fines that are collected during the year.

Discussion followed concerning the increased amount of fines and fees that are collected at Municipal Court.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for Municipal Court. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

6. Budget Adjustment for the Golf Course – Maxwell Johnson, Fox Run Golf Course

Ms. Holland said there was about \$124,000 in unexpended funds for the golf course last fiscal year that was rolled back into the General Fund. She requested a budget adjustment in the amount of \$115,000 to be used for unfunded items this fiscal year for sand, fertilizer, pro shop inventory, equipment rentals and professional contracts for the golf course.

Ms. Holland and Mr. Johnson answered questions regarding the equipment rentals and professional contracts to be funded by the proposed budget adjustment. Rather than purchasing the equipment, Mr. Johnson recommended leasing new machinery every five years, which would be more cost effective for the City.

Mayor McKinney provided an overview of the improvements being made at the golf course.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the Golf Course. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Landavazo, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

7. Budget Adjustment for the Purchase of Police Vehicles – Phillip Hart, Chief of Police

Ms. Holland said the City received a legislative grant from the State in the amount of \$285,000 to purchase and equip new police vehicles. The purpose of the adjustment is

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to include the funds in the current budget in order to move forward with the purchase of the vehicles.

Councilor Garcia made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the purchase of police vehicles. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

8. Approval of New Mexico Department of Tourism Litter Control & Beautification Grant Agreement and Budget Adjustment to Reflect Grant Revenue and Expenditures – Maryann Ustick, City Manager

Ms. Ustick said the City, along with its community partners, applied to the State Department of Tourism for the Litter Control and Beautification Grant in the amount of \$25,580. Due to the high demand for the funds, the City was awarded \$20,000. The funds will be used to improve and beautify the downtown walkway between Coal Avenue and Aztec Avenue. The City plans to hire youth next spring for litter reduction and graffiti abatement prior to the tourist season.

Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the New Mexico Department of Tourism Litter Control and Beautification Grant Agreement and budget adjustment to reflect the grant revenue and expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Garcia, Kumar and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Chief Babcock introduced Fire Marshal Jesus Morales as the City's new Deputy Fire Chief.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Garcia thanked everyone who was involved in the National Night Out event which took place on August 2, 2016. She also encouraged everyone to support the upcoming Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial, which will take place later in the week.

Councilor Kumar also thanked everyone for their involvement and participation in the National Night Out event. He said the 30 Days of Opera and the Freedom Ride, Flight and Cruise events were very successful. Councilor Kumar also encouraged everyone to support the Ceremonial.

Councilor Landavazo said he enjoyed the car show at the Freedom Ride, Flight and Cruise event. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend the National Night Out event due to other commitments; however, he received many positive comments from others about the event. He encouraged citizens to welcome the world to Gallup, New Mexico

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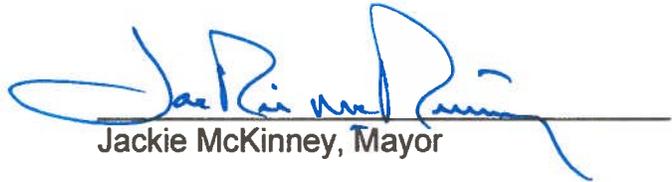
at the upcoming Ceremonial. He asked about the status of the construction project on South Second Street and if the street will be reopened in time for the Ceremonial. Ms. Ustick said the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will not be able to reopen Second Street in time for the Ceremonial. Ms. Ustick said the project was delayed due to rain and a waterline break that occurred last week. The project is expected to be completed at the end of the month. Councilor Landavazo encouraged everyone to continue to weave into the community, “that which is real and that which is true.”

Mayor McKinney said he has been in communication with the NMDOT as they tried everything they could to reopen Second Street in time for the Ceremonial. Since the current traffic pattern has been in existence for the past several months, he believes local residents are used to the current traffic flows and the project may not be a major inconvenience overall. Mayor McKinney said he was impressed with the National Night Out event and commended those who helped with the event. He also encouraged local residents to don their native apparel and jewelry during the upcoming Ceremonial.

Comments by City Attorney and City Manager

None.

There being no further business, Councilor Kumar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Garcia, Landavazo and Mayor McKinney all voted yes.



Jackie McKinney, Mayor



ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

Approved 8/23/2016